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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: DURBAN HARBOR SURCHARGE DOUBLED

REF: DURBAN 0034

1. SOUTH AND SOUTH-EAST AFRICA FREIGHT CONFERENCE HAS ANNOUNCEDO
THAT CONGESTION SURCHARGES APPLYING TO DURBAN, CAPE TOWN,
PORT ELIZABETH AND EAST LONDON WILL DOUBLE EFFECTIVE MARCH 3.
NEW RATE WILL REPRESENT ANNUAL RAND 80 MILLION FREIGHT
SURCHARGE ON GOODS IMPORTED VIA PORT OF DURBAN FROM EUROPEAN
AND BRITISH PORTS.

2. BECAUSE OF PRESENT TORRENTIAL NATAL RAINS, CARGO MOVE-
MENTS THROUGH DURBAN YESTERDAY AT NEAR STANDSTILL. SITUATION
FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY "NEAR BOYCOTT" BY EXPORTERS TO S.A. OF
PORTS OF PORT ELIZABETH AND EAST LONDON WHERE, REPORTEDLY,
DELAYS ENCOUNTERED OF UP TO 38 DAYS.

3. CURRENT BACKLOG AT DURBAN IS SERIOUS, WITH MORE THAN 50
SHIPS ANCHORED OUTSIDE AND DELAYS REPORTED TO BE 17 DAYS
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